

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

# AUTOMATICALLY SCALING ICONS TO FIT A DISPLAY AREA WITHIN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

A method, system, and program is provided for displaying icons on a data processing system. The number of icons to be displayed on the computer screen is determined. The boundary area for displaying the icons on the computer screen is calculated. The sizes of the icons are then scaled to a size that allows all icons to be displayed in the boundary area while utilizing all available display space. The minimum and maximum sizes of the icons can be limited based on user preferences. If the icons cannot be scaled to fit within the boundary area using the user selected minimum size, then only a portion of the icon is displayed. In this manner, all icons are scaled and displayed at a size that utilizes the full boundary area of the display screen.